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Letter dated 7 July 1997 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.,
of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you a letter dated 30 June 1997 from His Excellency Mr. Fares Bouez, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lebanon, on the subject of Lebanese detainees held in Israeli detention camps (see annex).

I have the honour to request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as an official document of the fifty-first session of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Letter dated 30 June 1997 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General

I would like to focus once again on a painful aspect of the continued Israeli occupation of Lebanese territory, in defiance of Security Council resolution 425 (1978).

I am referring to the tragedy of the 200 or so Lebanese in detention camps under Israeli control in south Lebanon and within Israel itself, many of whom have been held since 1984.

No legal charges have been brought against those detainees since their internment commenced. They continue to undergo the most inhumane and unbelievable torture and suffering at the hands of the Israeli occupying force and the militia it controls, in contravention of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949. This Convention, to which Israel is a party, offers protection to civilians living under occupation and proscribes arbitrary detention and torture. Furthermore, many detainees have been refused contact with their parents or with the representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

I wish to appeal to you and, through you, to the competent bodies of the Organization of the United Nations, on the occasion of the remembrance day of the Lebanese detainees observed on 14 July in Lebanon, as well as by thousands of Lebanese and friends of Lebanon throughout the world, to exert your utmost endeavours to bring the ordeal of the detainees and the anguish of their loved ones to an end.

Khiam detention camp must be closed. This shameful episode of Israeli occupation in southern Lebanon must be concluded and the detainees allowed to return to their homes.

The release of a small number of detainees and the parental visits which were conceded by the occupying force are but mere palliatives, which have only served to highlight the appalling conditions of their detention and to make our demands for their release even more pressing in view of the first-hand reports brought back by the released detainees of the horrific conditions of internment in Khiam, and the systematic and barbaric torture practised behind its walls. Medical reports have corroborated the statements in those reports as did earlier medical examinations performed on those detainees who had been released earlier, some of whom died in hospital soon after their release.

The argument put forward by Israel, that the so-called South Lebanese Army militia is responsible for the detention camp of Khiam, is totally refuted and unacceptable and does not exonerate it from responsibility, since Israel is the occupying power in south Lebanon and is, in the final analysis, responsible in international law for acts committed on the territories it occupies. The South Lebanese Army militia is but a tool of the Israeli occupying force and would not exist without its support.

In view of the above, the Government of Lebanon, the Lebanese detainees, the heirs of the detainees who died in internment and those who disappeared or are still missing or unaccounted for invoke their right to claim damages and indemnities, and to take legal action against the Government of Israel, its military officers and agents for their internment, torture and suffering.

I am enclosing for your attention an up-to-date list of names of Lebanese still in Israeli prisons or interned in detention camps under Israeli occupation (see appendix), which was provided by the Follow-Up Committee for the support of the Lebanese detainees in Israeli prisons.

I take this opportunity to reiterate to you our thanks for all the efforts of the United Nations to obtain the release of the Lebanese detainees, and invite you to exert new efforts on their behalf.

(Signed) Fares BOUEZ
Minister for Foreign Affairs

APPENDIX

List of Lebanese hostages in Khiam Concentration Camp and in Israeli prisons

Khiam	150
Askalan (Ashkelon)	16
Alon	20
Kfaryouna	4
Nafha	3
Al-Jalmeh	4
Shatta	1
Sarafand	2

A. Partial list of hostages in Khiam Concentration Camp

Name	Town	Profession	Date of Detention	Health Condition
1- Souha Beshara	Deir Mimas		7/11/88	
2- Mahmoud Khashish	Khiam		1/10/85	Weak Vision
3- Jihad Awada	Khiam		1/10/85	Allergic
4- Hassan Awada	Khiam		3/88	Stomach Pain
5- Ali Ahmad Qashmar	Khiam		27/9/93	
6- Hussain Moukashar	Beit Yahoun	Laborer	9/1990	
7- Abdel Amir Khashish	Khiam		27/9/93	
8- Adel Kalakesh	Debbine	Laborer	1993	
9- Riad Kalakesh	Debbine		1986	
10- Nimr Al-Ghaddaf	Debbine		1993	
11- Moufid Abboud	Houla	Laborer	1988	
12- Nagib Abboud	Houla	Soldier	25/3/93	Allergic
13- Nazih Moustafa	Houla	Student	3/10/92	Weak Vision
14- Samer Hijazi	Houla	Student	18/3/94	
15- Ziad Ghanouni	Houla	Student	3/1994	
16- Hassan Moussa Hussain	Houla		3/1992	
17- Abdel Rahman Abboud	Houla	Student	10/8/1994	
18- Hussain Awad Awad	Houla		10/2/94	
19- Issam Awada	Naqoura		2/2/94	
20- Hassan Awada	Naqoura		2/3/94	
21- So'oud Abou Hadieh	Yarin	Laborer	29/3/89	Injured
22- Nehmeh Dakdouk	Ita Al-Shaab	Laborer	6/92	
23- Moussa Nimr Moustafa	Ramieh	Laborer	1986	
24- Taissir Shaaban	Beit Yahoun	Laborer	10/91	Allergic
25- Ali Fou'ani	Koumin	Laborer	9/92	Weak Vision

26-Abdel Gharib Beidoun	Bint Jbail		7/86	
27-Ali Ghazi Alsaghir	Bint Jbail	Laborer	11/85	
28-Jaafar Harish	Bint Jbail	Student	15/9/85	Blood Allergy
29-Abdel Karim Hmaid	Bint Jbail	Student	7/85	
30-Nasser Abou Eleiwa	Bint Jbail	Laborer	7/85	
31-Nehmeh Youssef Bazzi	Bint Jbail	Laborer	1985	Sick
32-Akram Ali Eleiwa	Maroun Al-Rass	Student	15/9/85	Disk
33-Mohammed Taleb Hejazi	Aytaroun	Laborer	15/12/95	
34-Ali Hamadeh	Aytaroun	Student		Stomach Pain
35-Kamal Hamadi	Aytaroun	Laborer	3/92	
36-Hassan Deeb Hammoud	Maiss Al-Jabal		1/9/86	
37-Lafi Al-Masri	Maiss Al-Jabal	Artisan	1/89	Nervous System
38-Abbass Kabalan	Maiss Al-Jabal	Student	5/9/87	Injured
39-Sharif Atwi	Markaba	Carpenter	8/86	Weak Vision
40-Hajar Zaraket	Markaba	Driver	6/86	
41-Ali Hijazi	Debbine	Laborer	21/8/89	
42-Youssef Termess	Tallousa		20/8/89	Lost one Leg
43-Amin Termess	Tallousa		5/8/88	Stomach Pain
44-Moujib Termess	Tallousa		5/8/88	Sick
45-Raja'i Abou Haimen	Hibbarieh		9/90	Sick
46-Fadi Ahmed Ali	Hibbarieh	Laborer		
47-Nazih Abou Quaiss	Hibbarieh	Student	3/93	
48-Mohammed Hammoud	Hibbarieh	Student	3/93	
49-Mahmoud Mzannar	Kfar Kela	Student	1991	
50-Samir Quassem	Yohmor	Student	4/88	Lost one Eye
51-Moustafa Arabieh	Sarafand	Laborer	1991	
52-Houssain Mortada	Hermel	Laborer	10/90	Weak Vision
53-Zaid Barakat	Shwaya		1993	
54-Hamir Hamadi	Nabatieh		10/85	Stomach Pain

83- Mohammed Khalil Termess	Talloussa	23/1/95
84- Ali Moustafa Nab'a	Sheb'a	1995
85- Mahmoud Jaffal	Rshaf	21/3/95
86- Abdul Hamid Yehia	Rshaf	14/11/95
87- Ali Hussain Quazan	Al-Taibeh	1/95
88- Ali Ibrahim Hussain	Aita Al-Sha'b	10/94
89- Moustafa Moustafa	Houla	9/94
90- Hussain Moubarak	Markaba	7/93
91- Ali Ibrahim Hammoud	Kfar Kela	1/95
92- Samih Al-Attar	Rshaf	2/95
93- Omar Suleiman Al-Ahmad	Al-Wazzani	1987
94- Ali Salman Rammal	'Edaisseh	9/95
95- Adham Rammal	'Edaisseh	9/95
96- Ghassan Abdul Hassan Tarraf	Debbine	7/95
97- Saleh Salman Rammal	'Edaisseh	9/95
98- Mohammad Mahmoud Al-Shartouni	Maiss Al-Jabal	7/8/95
99- Mohammad Fakih	Khiam	9/95
100- Moustafa Mohammad Sadakah	Khiam	1996
101- Hassan Ahmad Amin	'Edaisseh	7/1/96
102- Ali Ibrahim Quassem	Houla	19/1/96
103- Ahmad Wanseh	Debbine	13/6/96
104- Ahmad Deeb	Debbine	2/96
105- Hamzeh Ayash	Debbine	2/96
106- Hussain Ibrahim Abdallah	Khiam	13/8/96
107- Hussain Mohammad Daher	Debbine	20/8/96
108- Hassan Daher	Debbine	22/8/96
109- Ali Mohammad Kalakesh	Blat	22/8/96
110- Shawki Jaber	Bint Jbail	27/8/96

55-Ghassan Moussa Daher	Sheb'a	Student	12/87	
56-Zouhair Daher	Sheb'a		20/1/91	
57-Ali Abdallah Hazimeh	Sarbin	Laborer	2/86	
58-Mohammad Ali Hazimeh	Sarbin	Student	10/85	Weak Vision
59-Ali Abdallah Hazimeh	Kfar Hamam	Laborer	2/86	Back Pain
60-Wasfi Taher	Houla	Soldier	19/3/92	
61-Afif Hammoud	Kfar Hamam	Laborer	5/88	
62-Abdul Halim Yassin	Majdal Silm	Laborer	9/85	
63-Suleiman Ramadan	Baalbeck	Laborer	7/1/86	Lost one Leg
64-Ammar Youness	Houla		7/94	
65-Izzat Yassin	Houla		8/94	
66-Hussain Ali Youness	Houla		7/94	
67-Jaafar Deeb	Blat	Student	12/91	
68-Mohammad Nayef	Kfar Kela		4/94	
69-Hussain Hammoud	Debbine		1/2/93	
70-Jawdat Ismail	Kounin	Driver	1991	Stomach Pain
71-Moussa Akashah	Yarin	Soldier	4/89	
72-Na'man Nasrallah	Ibl Al-Saki	Student	9/89	
73-Mohammad Khraiss	Khiam	Laborer	2/88	
74-Abbas Hijazi	Aytaroun	Soldier	6/92	
75-Ahmad Abdul-Hassan Hassan	Debbine		8/93	
76-Moussa Tarraf	Debbine	Plasterer	27/93	
77-Tarek Quansou	Kfar Roumman (Aramti)	Student	6/11/91	
78-Moussa Mazra'ani	Houla	Laborer	10/93	
79-Ali Mohammed Ali	Aita Al-Sha'b		11/93	
80-Ali Daher	Debbine		7/6/94	
81-Mohammed Qutaish	Houla		14/9/95	
82-Yassir Awada	Houla		14/9/95	

111-Youssef Mohammad Said Bazzi	Bint Jbail		27/8/96
112-Hussain Jaafar Akil	Al-Jebbain		15/9/96
113-Ahmad Hassan Al-Amin	Khiam		9/96
114-Sami Mahmoud Harb	Bint Jbail		9/96
115-Husssain Mohammad Abou Abbas	Khiam		11/96
116-Ali Mohammad Hassan Barakat	Rab Thalathin		7/96
117-Maher Ghanem Naji	Rashia Al-Wadi		6/96
118-Ghanem Mer'i Naji	Rashia Al-Wadi		6/96
119-Mohammad Ibrahim Quassem	Al-Rihan		6/96
120-Mohammad Quassem Al-Sha'ar	Hibbarieh	Army Officer	4/1/1996
121-Mahmoud Al-'Abd Sourour	Tayr Harfa		6/96
122-Hussain Nasrallah	Khiam		5/96
123-Boutrous Rhaiem	Jezzine		26/11/96
124-Moussa Ataya	Tayr Harfa	(Brazilian Nationality)	11/96
125-Radwan Ataya	Tayr Harfa	(Brazilian Nationality)	11/96
126-Mahmoud Sa'd	Tayr Harfa		25/11/96
127-Hanan Hussain Muaissi	'Edaisseh		19/7/96
128-Mounifeh Abdul Hussain Yehya	Al-Taibeh		8/96
129-Hanan Karim	Deir Yassin		12/12/96
130-Ghenwa Loubani	Deir Yassin		26/12/96
131-Mahmoud Hussain Barakat	Rab Thalathin		7/96
132-Bilal Afif Al-Quassem	Yarin		7/96
133-Salem Abou Naja	Shwaia		1/12/96
134-Ahmad Barakat (15 years old)	Rab Thalathin		7/96
135-Ali Ghanwi	Houla		1995
136-Ali Ghrayeb	Tayr Harfa	Student	7/9/92

B. Hostages in Ashkelon Prison

Name	Town	Date of Detention	Length of Term	Note
1- Anwar Mohammad Yassin	Al-Dalaqua	16/9/87	30 years	Glanditis
2- Kayed Mohammad Bandar	Deir Kifa	10/9/87	20 years	Injured
3- Abdel Karim Al-Ali	Tripoli	29/9/87	15 years	
4- Ali Quassem Hamdoun	Faroun	10/9/87	15 years	Injured
5- Ahmad Sami Ismail	Zawtar Al-Sharkieh	10/9/87	17 years	Rheumatism
6- Nabih Awada	Aytaroun	10/9/87	20 years	Rheumatism
7- Mohammad Ali Al-Barzawi	Baalbeck	5/12/87	18 years	
8- Moustafa Abdul Karim Hammoud	Markaba	20/10/88		
9- Hussain Mohammad Ankouni	Mashghara	1987	18 years	
10- Ali Hassan Balhas	Saddiquine	5/10/92	Life	Injured
11- Mohammad Ali Badir	Al-Nmairieh	13/6/91	10 years	
12- Youssef Abd Wazni	Tebnine	15/12/88	25 years	
13- Jawad Quasfi	Al-Soultani	15/12/88	Life	
14- Fadi Jazzar	Beirut	1990	20 years	
15- Quassem Quamas	Quabrikha	21/2/86	13 yeras	
16- Mahmoud Hammoud	Yarin	1/7/93		

C. Hostages still under administrative detention in Alon Prison who finished their sentences

Name	Town	Date of Detention	Length of Term	Note
1- Bilal Abdul Hussain Dakroub	Tebnine	17/2/86	2.5 years	Administrative Extension
2- Mohammad Abdul Hadi Yassin	Majdal Silm	21/2/86	9 years	Administrative Extension
3- Ali Hassan Ammar	Maiss Al-Jabal	1/9/86	4 years	Administrative Extension
4- Ahmad Mohsen Ammar	Maiss Al-Jabal	1/9/86	4 years	Administrative Extension
5- Kamal Mohammad Rizk	Maiss Al-Jabal	31/8/86	3 years	Administrative Extension
6- Hassan Hijazi	Maiss Al-Jabal	1/9/86	3 years	Administrative Extension
7- Abdul Hassan Hassan Sourour	Aita Al-Sha'b	15/4/87	3 years	Administrative Extension
8- Abbas Hassan Sourour	Aita Al-Sha'b	15/4/87	3 years	Administrative Extension
9- Ahmad Hassan Sourour	Aita Al-Sha'b	15/4/87	3 years	Administrative Extension
10- Youssef Ya'qoub Sourour	Aita Al-Sha'b	15/4/87	3 years	Administrative Extension
11- Hussain Fahd Dakdouk	Aita Al-Sha'b	15/4/87	1.5 years	Administrative Extension
12- Ahmad Hikmat Oubaid	Jebsheet	28/7/89	No Trial	
13- Hashem Ahmad Fahs	Jebsheet	28/7/89	No Trial	
14- Quassem Fares	Nahleh	15/7/93	No Trial	

D. Lebanese citizens turned in by the "Lebanese forces" to Israel in 1990 and currently held hostage in the Alon Prison without trial

Name	Town	Date of Detention	Length of Term
1- Ghassan Fares Al-Dirani	Quasr Bana	May 1990	No Trial
2- Hassan Mohammad Tlaiss	Brital	May 1990	No Trial
3- Ahmad Mohammad Taleb	'Edeisseh	May 1990	No Trial
4- Ahmad Bahij Jalloul	Bourj Al-Barajneh	May 1990	No Trial
5- Hussain Bahij Ahmad	Ghbeiri	May 1990	No Trial
6- Hussain Ahmad Rmaiti	Al-Majadel	May 1990	No Trial

E. Four young men held in the Kfaryouna Prison and accused of "collaborating" with the Lebanese State

Name	Town	Date of Detention	Length of Term
1- Ramzi Nouhra	Qulai'a	22/2/96	No Trial
2- Maher Touma	Qulai'a	22/2/96	No Trial
3- Bassam Al-Hasbani	Qulai'a	22/2/96	No Trial
4- Salim Salameh	Qulai'a	22/2/96	No Trial

F. Hostages held in the Sarafand, Nafha, Al-Jelmeh, Shatta and Nablus Prisons

Name	Town	Date of Detention	Prison	Length of Term
1- Sheikh Abdul Karim Oubaid	Jibsheet	28/7/89	Sarafand	No Trial
2- Moustafa Al-Dirani	Quasr Bana	20/5/94	Sarafand	No Trial
3- Asef Moustafa Haidar	Tripoli		Al-Jelmeh	
4- Moussa Hassan Al-Zain	Shoukin		Shatta	
5- Samir Al-Quontar	'Ebeih	4/1989	Nafha	4 Life Sentences
6- Abdul Majid Zaitouni	Deir Kifa	5/3/93	Not Known	Life
7- Adel Bahij Termes	Tallouseh	21/2/86	Nafha	25 years
8- Ismail Mahmoud Al-Zain	Quabrikha	16/6/87	Nafha	13 years
9- Khalil Ja'arah			Not Known	
10- Hussan Mohammad Al-Mokdad	Faroun	12/4/96		
11- Ali Ahmad Naim Banjak	Al-Sh'aitieh	15/8/96	Al-Jelmeh	
12- Nazih Zain Eddine	Ain Quanya	11/96	Al-Jelmeh	
13- Wajih Zain Eddine	Ain Quanya	11/96	Al-Jelmeh	